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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR ON CYPRUS, GREECE AND UNFICYP

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SUMMARY: TURK AMB STATES ATHENS WARNED GOTURKEY
WOULD REACT STRONGLY ANY "PRO-ENOSIS COUP". SAYS
SOVIETS HAVE WARNED MAKARIOS AGAINST GREEK EFFORT
TOPPLE HIM. CLAIMS TURKEY NOT RPT NOT OPPOSED TO
UNFICYP REDUCTION BUT IRRITATED BY PRECONDITIONS.
STATES GOG HAS ASKED ANKARA'S SUPPORT IN DELAYING
OSORIO'S DEPARTURE. END SUMMARY

1. DURING LUNCH MARCH 15 TURKISH AMB INHAN TOLD
CHARGE THAT MESSAGE HAD BEEN PASSEDTO GREECE
THAT TURKEY WOULD REACT STRONGLY IN EVENT THERE ANY
"PRO-ENOSIS COUP" IN CYPRUS. INHAN WAS NOT RPT NOT
SPECIFIC RE TIMING OR MODE OF TRANSMISSION, BUT WAS
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EMPHATIC THAT MESSAGE RECEIVED CLEARLY BY GOGREECE.

HE RECOGNIZED ANY COUP GROUP WOULD HAVE ENOSIST OVER-TONES, BUT SAID TURKEY WOULD TAKE COUNTER-ACTION ONLY IF CLEAR THAT GROUP WAS MOVING TOWARD ENOSIS. (NOTE: WE DETECT LINGERING TURKISH HOPE THAT GOG COULD ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE CONTROL IN CYPRUS AND THEN MAKE A DEAL WITH ANKARA.)

2. INHAN STATED TURKS AWARE THAT RUSSIAN AMB IN NICOSIA TOLD MAKARIOS, TWO DAYS AGO, THAT GREECE IN FACT PLANNING COUP. CHARGE POINTED OUT SELF-SERVING ASPECTS THIS WARNING, IF IN FACT DELIVERED, AND TOLD INHAN USG HAS NO RPT NO SUPPORTING INFO. SAID WE WERE UNAWARE SPECIFIC APPROACH DESCRIBED, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT EAST EUROPEANS HAD BEEN WARNING MAKARIOS OF IMPENDING COUP ATTEMPT, AND THAT LATTER HAD BEEN APPROPRIATELY RESERVED REGARDING REPORTS.

3. INHAN PERSISTED, POINTING OUT BLATANT GREEK INVOLVEMENT IN EOKA-B ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING GRIVAS' DEMISE. SAID HE THOUGHT GREEK GOVT NOT RPT NOT MOTIVATED BY ENOSIS ASPIRATIONS BUT RATHER BY ANTI-COMMUNIST FEELINGS OF CURRENT ATHENS REGIME. INHAN QUESTIONED WHETHER GREECE COULD SUCCEED IN EFFORTS PURGE CYPRIOT LEFT AND AGREED THERE LIKELY TO BE MESSY INTERNECINE CONFLICT IF ATHENS PERSISTED. HE WAS NOT RPT NOT CONCERNED THAT PRESENT INTRA-GREEK TENSIONS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST TURK CYPRIOTS IN ANY WAY, BUT WAS CONCERNED THAT DEVELOPMENTS COULD DRAG THEM IN, OR THAT GREEKS MIGHT MOVE TOWARDS ENOSIS. HE WAS AMBIVALENT AS TO WHETHER CURRENT RIGHT/LEFT FRICTIONS WOULD DISAPPEAR OR GROW MORE SERIOUS. HE SAW THEM AS PUTTING MAKARIOS IN VERY DIFFICULT POSITION.

4. ON UNFICYP, INHAN SAID TURKEY DID NOT RPT NOT OPPOSE REDUCTION PER SE. OLCAY MESSAGE INTENDED UNDERSCORE TURKISH IRRITATION AT PRECONDITIONS, WHICH IT VIEWS AS DEROGATIONS ITS SOVEREIGNTY. HE DOWNPLAYED SPECIFIC CONDITIONS USUN 821. CHARGE POINTED OUT GOCYPRUS HAS SAME RESERVATIOS AND NOTED USG WOULD HAVE PREFERRED REDUCTIONS PROCEED WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. INHAN APPEARED

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UNCONCERNED BY FACT UNFICYP SIZE DECREASING.

5. INHAN REVEALED GREEK EMBASSY IN ANKARA RECENTLY APPROACHED TURK FONMIN WITH REQUEST BOTH GOVTS MAKE PITCH TO UNSYG TO DELAY OSORIO'S DEPARTURE. TURKS HAD AGREED SUPPORT GREEK PROPOSAL BUT INSISTED ATHENS MAKE FIRST APPROACH. WHILE NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATING EARLY SOLUTION INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS,

INHAN NEVERTHELESS THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE FOR OSORIO REMAIN
HERE FOR AT LEAST NEXT FEW MONTHS. DETAILS HIS COMMENTS
ON STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS TRANSMITTED BY MEMO.

6. INHAN GAVE CREDIT TO BOTH SIDES FOR RESTRAINT IN
RECENT YEARS IN AVOIDING AND CONTROLLING INTERCOMMUNAL
INCIDENTS.
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